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SUBJ: PRE-32ND UNGA CONSULTATIONS

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1. DCM AND EMBOFF CALLED SEPT 9 ON JAGADISH RANA, JOINT SECRETARY OF MEA, FOR PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS AS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. DCM OPENED DISCUSSION WITH OBSERVATION THAT WHILE WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS GA WE SAW PROSPECTS FOR SOLID WORKMAN-LIKE SESSION GIVEN GOOD WILL ON PART MOST STATES. HE NOTED THAT USG, AS RANA WELL AWARE, HAD NUMBER OF INITIATIVES UNDERWAY ON PROBLEM AREAS SUCH AS MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE HOPE THAT ACTIONS TAKEN AT 32ND UNGA WOULD FACILITATE THESE EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS

OF THESE DIFFICULT ISSUES.

2. TURNING TO SPECIFIC ISSUES, DCM GAVE RANA PREPARED PAPER WITH TALKING POINTS ON ALL SUBJECTS CONTAINED REFTEL, WITH EXCEPTION THOSE PLACED IN "IF-ASKED" CATEGORY. DCM REVIEWED SUBJECTS IN GENERAL AND CALLED RANA'S PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ISSUES OF PUERTO RICO, GUAM AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER. (A) PUERTO RICO - AFTER PRESENTING USG POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT, DCM NOTED THAT GON HAD IN PAST BEEN HELPFUL WHEN ISSUE RAISED. RANA QUICKLY AGREED AND STATED
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THAT THIS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE NEAPLESE POSITION. (B) GUAM - AFTER HEARING OUT DCM, RANA NOTED THAT AS GENERAL POLICY NEPAL WAS OPPOSED TO MILITARY BASES ON FOREIGN SOIL. HE WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT IN CASE OF GUAM IF PEOPLE OF ISLAND DESIRED BASE TO BE THERE, THIS WAS RELEVANT FACTOR. (C) HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER- RAN MADE NO COMMENT ON USG ENDORSEMENT OF THIS PROPOSAL.

3. WHEN DCM ASKED IF GON HAD PARTICULAR CONCERNS OF ITS OWN AT FORTHCOMING UNGA, RANA SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE INTRODUCING ANY RESOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, ECONOMIC ISSUES WERE AT FOREFRONT FOR NEPAL. GON WAS DISAPPOINTED AT LACK OF PROGRESS IN TRANSFORMING PROMISES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTO ACTION -- AT SLOWNESS IN PRODUCING NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. NEPALESE DELEGATION WOULD BE VOCAL IN EFFORT TO PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS IN THIS AREA. DCM NOTED THAT THE ALSO WISHED LEAVE WITH RANA EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW WITH IO ASST. SECRETARY MAYNES DELAING WITH NUMBER OF THESE ISSUES. RANA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TIMELINESS OF THIS PRESENTATION WHICH WOULD HELP IN FURTHERING GON UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT STATUS OF ISSUES.
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